

CHAPTER 8.26

Removal of Graffiti Required

8.26.010 Intent.

The intent of this Chapter shall be to preserve and enhance property values within the City by requiring prompt removal of graffiti from private property. (Ord. 466-09)

8.26.020 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the words and phrases below shall have the following meanings:

Graffiti shall mean any defacement of private property with any inscription, word, figure, sign, symbol, marking or design, by means of painting, marking, drawing, writing, etching or carving, by use of paint, spray paint, ink, knife or any similar method, and which is visible from the public right-of-way or an adjacent property. *Graffiti* shall not include authorized signage or speech.

Property shall mean any real property, such as, but not limited to, lots and parcels, and structures on real property. (Ord. 466-09)

8.26.030 Interpretation.

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Code shall be held to be minimum requirements adopted for the promotion of the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents. (Ord. 466-09)

8.26.040 Violations.

Violations of this Chapter shall be punishable as described in Chapter 1.16 of this Code. (Ord. 466-09)

8.26.050 Removal of graffiti required.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner of any property within the City, or tenants or agents in charge thereof, to remove any graffiti within forty-eight (48) hours of such defacement from such property. Failure to perform such removal is a violation of this Code and shall be punished and/or abated in accordance with Chapter 1.16 of this Code. (Ord. 466-09)